

With headlights stabbing nervously into the dark, motorists inch their way into a fog-bound Jerusalem last night on roads slick from a day of persistent rain. Weather story — page 2.

Police hold pump attendants filmed by hidden TV crew

By YORAM BAR, JUDY SIEGEL and YITZCHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporters TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday arrested three attendants at the Yarkon Bridge petrol station on Haifa Road on suspicion of repeatedly cheating customers. Two of the suspects were filmed by a hidden television crew on Tuesday as they allegedly swindled customers. The suspects have reportedly admitted to police that they customarily began pumping petrol with the meter advanced, thus duping unsuspecting customers into paying for more petrol than they receive.

Two of the suspects are aged 22 and from Ra'anana and one is a 37-year-old man from Tel Aviv. They have been suspended from their jobs pending the result of the police investigation. "Kolbotek" producer Rafi Ginat and Eitan Hadar, the TV staffer who filmed the incidents, have been assigned four security men following telephoned threats on their lives. The threats began on Tuesday afternoon even before the programme was screened, apparently as a result of a leak about what it showed. Like other sensitive films, the programme tape was locked in a TV vault before screening.

More Iranians reach Syrian camp

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies DAMASCUS. — Sixty Iranian volunteers flew into Damascus yesterday aboard a Syrian Airways plane and drove straight to a Fatah training camp. It was the second group of Iranian volunteers out of 70 scheduled to fly to Syria, heading for South Lebanon to fight alongside Palestinian terrorists. Their arrival raised the total of Iranian volunteers already in Syria to just over 100. The first batch of 42 flew in on Tuesday. The volunteers got out of the plane shouting "Palestine, long live Palestine." They all carried photographs of Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini. All wore civilian dress. Those who arrived on Tuesday had camouflage and khaki uniforms. There was only one veiled woman in the group, raising the total of women who have arrived with the volunteers to nine. On arrival at Damascus airport, the volunteers were welcomed by a Fatah representative who drove them straight to join their comrades. Journalists were kept away and had no chance to talk to them. Our reporter in Metulla adds: Southern Lebanon was still tense yesterday as persistent rumours said that a number of Iranian volunteers had already arrived in Nabatiya north of the area controlled by Major Sa'ad Haddad's forces. The Voice of Hope radio, which transmits from Klea, interrupted its broadcasts on Tuesday night to announce in English, Persian and Arabic that a number of Iranians had already reached Nabatiya. Immediately after the broadcast, militia men under Haddad shelled the town, obeying an earlier order by the war council of the militia to fire on any town or village giving shelter to the Iranians. The Jerusalem Post has learned from a reliable UNIFIL source that UN checkpoints have been ordered to step up their vigilance and their examination of those passing through their barriers to prevent Iranian penetration of UNIFIL-held territory.

Hussein appoints new premier, cabinet

AMMAN. — King Hussein's adviser Sharif Abdul-Hamid Sharaf formed a 20-member cabinet yesterday to replace the government of resigning Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Sharaf, a former ambassador to the U.S., holds the defence and foreign affairs portfolios in addition to the premiership in the new cabinet that was endorsed by royal decrees. Observers here said the change of governments heralds no major shifts in foreign or Middle Eastern policy since the incoming and the outgoing prime ministers share the king's views and are equally loyal to the monarch. "The king simply felt it was time for a cabinet change and he wanted to bring fresh young blood into the system," said one observer. Badran, whose resignation was announced a few hours before the formation of the new cabinet, was prime minister for 42 months — the longest period any Jordanian premier has held office. Six West Bank Palestinians are in the new cabinet, which also includes six newcomers and the first woman ever to serve in a Jordanian cabinet. This is its composition as announced by the royal palace: Sharif Abdul-Hamid Sharaf, prime minister, foreign affairs and defence minister; Said Tell, information; Nuri Shaikh, education; Salem Massadeh, finance; Hassan Ibrahim, state minister without portfolio; Najib Rishidat, justice; Mrs. In'am Mufti, social development; Marwan Kassem, state minister for foreign affairs; Ali Suheimat, state minister for prime ministry and transport; Suleiman Arar, state minister for premiership affairs; Dr. Zuhair Malhas, health; Dr. Jamal Sha'ir, municipalities; Ali Bashir, interior; Dr. Murwafak Fawaz, tourism; Ali Mansour, trade and industry; Kamel Sharif, Wakf (trusteeship of religious properties) and religious affairs; Kassem Rimawi, agriculture; Omar Nabulsi, labour and reconstruction; Maan Abu Nawar, public works; Mohammed Abboud Zabein, communications.

Sharaf, reportedly a good friend of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was named Jordan's ambassador to the U.S. just after the Six-Day War — a post that led him into conflict with then-secretary of state William Rogers. Sharaf moved to New York five years later to become his country's ambassador to the UN. In July 1976 Sharaf became chief of the Jordanian royal cabinet and became regarded in the country as Hussein's right-hand man and one of the king's most trusted advisers on Jordanian policy in the Middle East. Sharaf was succeeded in the post of Chief of the Royal Cabinet by Ahmed al-Loawi, the member of the National Consultative Council and a former Prime Minister. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

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With great sorrow we announce the passing of Captain MARTIN ECKDISH The funeral will take place on Friday, December 21, at the new Kfar Samit Cemetery at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave from 19 Margalit Street, Ahuva, Haifa at 9.20 a.m. The bereaved: his wife Isaac, children Judy and Allan Ford (U.S.), daughter Ruthi, grandchildren Michal and Jonathan

Linowitz 'optimistic' on talks

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — U.S. Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz was surprisingly optimistic yesterday in assessing the prospects for meeting next May's "target date" for concluding the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, although he acknowledged that if he were a Palestinian he probably would not join the peace talks yet. At a State Department news conference, Linowitz said that he had returned to Washington from six days of talks in Egypt and Israel "more encouraged than when I left." He cited "significant measures of agreement" between Israel and Egypt "on a number of important issues." "In my own view," he said, "there is a reasonable possibility that the parties will be able to conclude the autonomy negotiations (by May)... Whether it will happen, I don't know."

Regarding a possible shift in the attitude of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians toward the Camp David peace process, Linowitz defended the Palestinian refusal to participate so far. "The challenge is to us to fashion a credible, viable system which would be attractive to the Palestinians, will make them want to join and become participants," he said. "If I were a Palestinian on the West Bank and Gaza today, I don't think I would be very interested in joining these negotiations at the moment," Linowitz continued. "I would ask, 'what's in it for me,' and I wouldn't be sure."

Linowitz insisted, however, that if the U.S., Israel and Egypt succeed in fleshing out the definition of autonomy during the proposed five-year transition period, then the Palestinians might want to join the negotiations. Linowitz said he had reported to President Jimmy Carter immediately after returning to Washington from his first venture into the world of Middle East diplomacy following the resignation of Robert Strauss as the special U.S. envoy. Regarding the thorny question of the East Jerusalem Arabs, Linowitz disclosed two possible compromise proposals currently being considered: "Allowing the Arabs there to have 'dual citizenship,' which would enable them to vote in the autonomy elections yet remain Israeli citizens at the same time." "Allowing the Arabs to vote in the elections with the specific provision announced that their right to vote does not prejudice the final status of Jerusalem." Linowitz once again called upon Jordan to enter the negotiations, promising that he will make a "real effort" to meet with King Hussein and discuss the matter. "I'm sure we ought to talk with him," he said.

After 7th round of autonomy talks: No real progress on either of main goals

By ANAN SAFADI Post Middle East Affairs Editor CAIRO. — The Egyptian, Israeli and U.S. delegations to the negotiations on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip yesterday ended their seventh plenary session without achieving progress on either of their two main targets: setting up a framework for election modalities, and laying the groundwork for defining the powers and responsibilities of the proposed self-governing authority. On the issue of modalities — the election mechanism — Egypt and Israel continued to disagree on two major points. The first is the size of the governing council, which Egypt insists should have parliamentary scope and which Israel wants limited to an administrative body.

The second point is East Jerusalem: Egypt demands that it be included in the electoral districts, but Israel considers it part of its united capital and not of the West Bank. On powers and responsibilities of the self-governing authority, the two sides remained far apart, with Egypt wanting considerable independence for the authority and Israel wanting to restrict it in such a way that it will not serve as a stepping-stone toward independence. The plenary session decided to convene its working groups of technocrats twice next month to resolve differences. The negotiators said that they would appoint experts from the three countries to assist the working groups in laying the groundwork for a "model" autonomy that would specify the controversial powers and responsibilities for the self-governing authority.

The idea of outlining a joint proposal for a model autonomy was suggested by a member of Israel's negotiating team, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir. — Reported after Egypt had turned down an Israeli model based on powers and functions of the military government in the territories. In an apparent bid to put a better face on its deliberations, the plenary session yesterday issued a vague joint communique which "expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the progress achieved" so far in the seven-month-long autonomy negotiations, and called on its working groups to proceed to "even fuller agreement." The plenary session yesterday met only for three hours — half of which was devoted to negotiations and the other half to drafting a communique. "We have made progress in working on an election system, election (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

Normalization seen coming in stages

Post Middle East Affairs Editor CAIRO. — Egypt is unlikely to encourage any links beyond free movement and the exchange of ambassadors following the formal normalization of relations with Israel on January 26 — one day after Israel's withdrawal from Sinai to the El-Arish-Ras Mohammed line. This was the impression which Israeli officials received here following talks between the director-general of Israel's Foreign

Ministry, Yosef Gecchover, and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali on Tuesday night and yesterday. Ghali yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that a special governmental body involving committees from this country's various ministries has been set up to explore the various aspects of normalization, indicating that the two countries would still engage in negotiations on matters such as

trade and cultural links. The head of Premier Menachem Begin's bureau, Dr. Eilahu Ben-Elissar, who has been preparing for summit talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Aswan on January 7, yesterday said that he also understood normalization to be "a process that must take its course — and not a measure which can be automatically implemented." Ben-Elissar, tipped as an (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Unemployment up by 18%; signs of slowdown seen

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Unemployment rose by 18 per cent during the third quarter of this year and reached 3.2 per cent, which Bank of Israel and Treasury economists see as a sign of an economic slowdown. They say the trend will increase during the next few months. Though Treasury economists think that the unemployment figures will rise — mainly because the labour market will not be able to absorb new young workers — they say that the 18 per cent rise was caused in large part by what they call the market's "nervousness." In the second quarter of 1976, 2.7 per cent of the working population (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

'Liaison office' idea rejected in areas

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Mayors and other public figures in the West Bank yesterday responded negatively to reports that Egypt wants to open "liaison offices" in the administered territories to encourage local participation in the autonomy negotiations. The news, which emerged from the latest round of the autonomy talks in Cairo, generated little interest in the West Bank. Political leaders merely reiterated their long-standing rejection of a scheme which they see as camouflage for continued Israeli rule. Several such leaders told The Jerusalem Post that there was no reason to suppose that the Egyptian proposal would draw the Palestinians any closer to the scheme. "We already know what autonomy is, and we have rejected it," they all said. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij put it very bluntly: "This kind of merchandise has already been refused by us, and we will not buy it now from Egyptian liaison offices." Substantial change is required in the autonomy proposal before he and his colleagues withdraw their opposition to it, he insisted. Any serious political proposal that "guarantees our national right to self-determination" will have to be brought to the attention of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Freij said. And if some people do talk to the Egyp-

tians, he added, this will not matter. "The West Bank is controlled by us mayors, and we won't talk to them." Mayor Mohammed Milhem of Hebron predicted that "no one" in the West Bank would cooperate with such liaison offices while autonomy is in its present form. "It would be like trying to catch fish in the mud," he said. "These offices are not going to be a success." "If the Egyptians go hand in hand with the Palestinians to achieve self-determination, and they and the Americans can extract significant concessions from Begin, then that will be another story. But that hasn't happened yet," Milhem said. Ibrahim Dakkak, chairman of the West Bank Engineers Union and a leading member of the influential National Guidance Committee, also believed that the Egyptian plan was "doomed to failure." Palestinians had already made their position on autonomy "very clear," he commented. "We don't need a mediator between us and the Israelis. This will not bring anything new. Liaison offices will not change out opposition," Dakkak said. In another development, Mayor Karim Khaif of Ramallah and Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of El Bira will appear in the Jerusalem District Court this morning where they are facing charges of assaulting a policeman in the corridor of the High Court of Justice last year.

U.S. team talks to Israel, Jordan about Yarmuk River

By DAVID LANDAU and YITZCHAK OKED A high-ranking U.S. delegation held separate, unpublished talks with Israel and Jordan this week on rights to the waters of the Yarmuk River. Joseph Wheeler, senior assistant administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID), led the U.S. team which met here on Monday with Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir, Mekorot executives, and Elisahiv Ben-Horin, head of the economic section at the Foreign Ministry. Wheeler's two aides crossed to Jordan on Tuesday, bearing with them details of Israel's demand for a quantity of the Yarmuk's waters. Informal sources indicated that the U.S. mediation would continue in the weeks ahead. The Yarmuk waters issue is a long-standing problem between the countries. The river flows from northeast to southwest through Jordan and enters Israeli territory just below Ashdot Ya'acov where it feeds into the Jordan River. The problem has been in the spotlight recently because of Jordan's plans to build — with U.S. aid — a large hydro-electric dam across the river. The U.S. Congress has committed itself to help fund the project, but Wheeler's visit marks a significant upgrading of the level of American involvement. Both Israel and Jordan agree, according to informed sources, that the principle of sharing must apply as international law dictates. They differ, however, over the amount of water each of them should get. U.S. mediation efforts have been proceeding for some time, but Wheeler's visit marks a significant upgrading of the level of American involvement.

Gov't doesn't ignore militant Islam — Begin

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday rejected SHAI MEIR Amit's assertion that the government had been oblivious to "the political earthquake" that has erupted in the region with the onslaught of militant Islam. But Begin agreed that Amit's motion for the agenda be referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and the House so voted. It was the first time in many weeks that Begin replied to motions for the agenda that ordinarily would be answered by the prime minister or the foreign minister. Since the resignation of Moshe Dayan on October 21 all motions for the agenda dealing with foreign affairs have been answered by Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nissim. Amit accused the government of flinching with Americans and cabinet portfolios while the region was burning. A tremendous peace action was taking place, Amit said. One claw was the Islamic revolution, and the other, the Soviet strongholds that were creeping nearer and nearer. Israel was an integral part of the developed world, Amit said, and that was reason enough for potential cooperation. The West was now sobering up after the Vietnam trauma, and Israel must intensify this re-awakening, Amit said. It must explain at every opportunity that the tragic confrontation between benighted zealots and normal nations has been Israel's daily lot in its war against terror. Amit said it was time for the government to take the initiative and to evince some imagination. Begin replied that it was not news to the government that we were living in a stormy period and in a raging region. Great powers were affected, no less than small states, he said. The government has acted, and Amit surely knew this, Begin said, but it would not be wise to publicize what it has done. He was not sure whether what was taking place was an "Islamic revolution," but it surely was a dark age, and there was a cause of blood hatred, directed principally against Israel and the Western powers.

Cyprus police says terrorist killers may have escaped

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Two men suspected of killing two top-ranking Palestinian terrorist officials in Cyprus last weekend may have escaped from the island, police said yesterday. A massive hunt has failed to find any trace of them, despite the publication of artist's impressions of the suspects and a thorough search of immigration department files. Interpol has been called in. Police think the two men they believe responsible for the assassinations used false passports to hire cars, but used other passports, which may also have been false, to enter the country. The passports used for hiring the cars gave the names of the two men as Jeffrey Bowden and Ahmad Nagib Bourji.

Squad to Panama to murder shah

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Iran's roving Islamic judge, Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, said yesterday that he has ordered a death squad to Panama to kill the ex-shah. Ayatollah Khalkhali told Reuters by telephone from the holy city of Qom: "I told them, 'Don't come back here until you've killed the shah.'" (Related story — page 6)



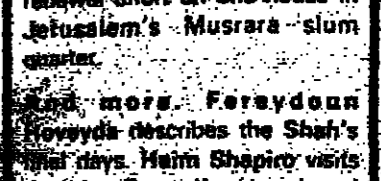
ENDANGERED SPECIES. What will be the effect of IDF redeployment on Negev ecology? Harry Wolf talks to some ecologists about efforts to minimize the damage.



DANGEROUS SPECIES. On the centenary of Stalin's birth, Charles Feeny remembers life under the Soviet dictator.



OVERCROWDED SPECIES. Judy Siegel describes a recent effort on one house in Jerusalem's Musrara slum quarter.



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Korchnoi's son jailed for evading draft MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi's son Igor was sentenced to two and a half years in a labour camp by a Leningrad court yesterday for evading military call-up, his mother said. Mrs. Bela Korchnoi, speaking from her home near Leningrad, said her son, aged 20, pleaded not guilty at the trial, which lasted nine hours. Korchnoi, who defected in the Netherlands in 1976 and now lives in Switzerland, has been campaigning to get his wife and son permission to join him.

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The Weather at Main



Destinations

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BIRMINGHAM	8:35	8:55	9:05	9:20	9:35	9:50	10:05
BUSINESS AIRS	8:45	9:05	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15
CHICAGO	8:55	9:15	9:25	9:40	9:55	10:10	10:25
COPENHAGEN	9:05	9:25	9:35	9:50	10:05	10:20	10:35
FRANKFURT	9:15	9:35	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45
GENEVA	9:25	9:45	9:55	10:10	10:25	10:40	10:55
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LONDON	9:45	10:05	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Possible local showers in the morning; brighter towards midday.

Jerusalem	94	8-11	11
Golan	98	7-11	11
Nahariya	88	8-12	13
Safed	100	3-5	8
Hafia Port	90	10-12	13
Tiberias	44	10-15	18
Nazareth	96	6-7	11
Afula	95	8-10	13
Samaria	78	8-9	13
Tel Aviv	78	10-14	17
E-C Airport	78	10-14	17
Jericho	74	8-16	19
Gaza	77	9-17	18
Beerseba	78	7-13	17
Eilat	25	7-20	23
Tira Straits	31	13-20	21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir yesterday received 120 war-orphan girls celebrating their birthdays, accompanied by their mothers.

Prof. Haim Schirman yesterday was awarded the Leib Jaffe literary prize of the United Israel Appeal — Keren Hayesod, in a ceremony held at the Keren Hayesod Memorial Hall in Jerusalem, for his book "Studies in the History of Hebrew Poetry and Drama," published by Mossad Bialik, Dr. Israel Goldstein, former chairman of Keren Hayesod, made the presentation.

There will be no noon meeting today of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club. A festive Hanukka meeting with ladies, however, will take place tonight. A dinner will be held at 8 p.m. in the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, with guest speaker Arye Dulkin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Maldan (The Association of Real Estate Brokers in Israel) this week held its 23rd Convention in Haifa. Baruch Kainer of Tel Aviv was unanimously re-elected president of Maldan.

ARRIVALS

Jeanie Gilbert, president of Child Resettlement Fund—Emunah, Ireland, for a four-week visit.

POLICE

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the meters on the petrol pumps are pushed back to zero so they won't be duped by thieves.

It could very well be that such swindling occurs in other petrol stations, conceded Arye Bar-Gur of Paz.

Bar-Gur noted that the three suspected attendants were not Paz employees but merely hired by the manager of the Yarkon Bridge station.

Most Paz petrol pumps are equipped with stickers advising customers to ensure that attendants move the dials back to zero after each purchase, but some attendants "may cover them up so they aren't noticed."

Israel Stricks, secretary of the Association of Agents and Service Station Owners, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that there are many job speakers who are attracted to the work of being a station attendant because of the possibility of cheating customers.

He said that some people even offer to do the work for nothing.

Stricks claimed, however, that station owners try to screen prospective employees as well as possible and fire those who are caught cheating.

Stricks said that following the television program on his organization was demanding a meeting with Histadrut officials. He declared that the Histadrut has hampered efforts to fire attendants who are caught swindling.

We deeply mourn the passing of my husband,
our father and grandfather,

PAUL LAMBERG

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, December 20, 1979 at 10.45 a.m. at the new cemetery, Kfar Samir, Haifa.

The Family.

Electric Corp. staff balks at paying bills

By SELOMO MAOZ and ALAN ELISNER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday said that as of January 1, Israel Electric Corporation employees will be at least partially charged for their electricity.

Employees, who have enjoyed free electricity up to now, reacted angrily to the announcement which came without prior consultation.

Moda'i was speaking to the Knesset Finance Committee. He also asked it to authorize a 30 per cent hike in electricity prices.

He proposed that the new rates, which the committee will discuss today, range from 258.5 agrot per kilowatt hour for domestic consumption, to 219.5 agrot per kilowatt hour for water pumping. Domestic rates will thus go up by 32 per cent; commercial consumption will cost 271.5 agrot per kilowatt hour, also up 32 per cent; agriculture will pay 237.3 agrot per kilowatt hour, up 28 per cent; industry will pay 223.4 agrot per kilowatt hour, up 28 per cent.

If these rises are approved, water

rates will have to be raised by 16.5 per cent to cover increased pumping costs.

The corporation's workers committee chairman Yoram Obrokovitch told The Jerusalem Post last night that the government had no right to take unilateral decisions affecting workers' wages, and that employees do not recognize the decision.

As far as is known, the corporation's employees will still receive the first 400 units free of charge.

Obrokovitch said he was ready to negotiate through "the accepted channels." "The workers were not against 'doing their bit to help the national economy,'" he said.

However, the decision which seems already to have been taken at ministerial level, is "a one-sided violation of the work agreement which cannot and will not be tolerated. We will fight with all the means at our disposal for the principle of honouring agreements and reaching decisions through negotiations. We will not accept dictations," Obrokovitch said.

Korat Gag deciding today whether to dissolve itself

By SELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The controversial Korat Gag organization, which has been striking gold and silver Chagall medals to finance young couples' housing, is holding a special meeting in Tel Aviv today to decide its future.

Among the options are dissolving the non-profit organization; turning it over to the Housing Ministry; making director Meir Halevi step down, or continuing operations as it does for another few months.

What seems definite is that following public criticism of the organization, a number of government officials in the directorate will resign.

State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl on Tuesday said the organization, which has been losing money, was improperly using three rooms in the Prime Minister's Office, and official stationery.

The society was established by Yehiel Kadishai, Prime Minister Menahem Begin's closest adviser, and Meir Halevi, a businessman who has known Begin for 30 years. It began operating about six weeks ago.

Kadishai, a member of the Korat Gag directorate, told The

Jerusalem Post that the organization has now released Halevi and philanthropist Neeman Goren, from their bank guarantees for the company. It did so by turning over thousands of the gold medallions to the bank — probably to be melted down again. Korat Gag now has 2,000 gold medallions remaining and 12,000 silver bar-reliefs in olive wood frames.

The organization has come out ahead by TL40,000,000 not because of sales, but because the price of gold had risen by the time the batch of medallions was returned to the bank.

Kadishai said the demand for the gold medals has increased since their number dropped and gold prices soared. The price of the medals remains \$3,000, payable in instalments. Kadishai said some of the members of the directorate want to resign because of the discomfort caused by public criticism.

If the organization becomes a completely private enterprise, the Bank of Israel might suspend the easy terms for dollar loans Korat Gag has enjoyed. The organization has not had to deposit a percentage of its dollar loans with the central bank, as is required of most enterprises.

Teachers unions announce sanctions for next month

By ALAN ELISNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Both teachers unions have now officially given notice of their intention to begin sanctions in the second week of January to press their long-standing demand for wage parity with state-employed engineers.

The Histadrut Teachers Union decided on Sunday to begin sanctions on January 8 unless the government commits itself by that time to "fully implement all the recommendations of the Etzioni committee." Yesterday evening, a similar decision was taken by the Association of Secondary School Teachers.

The Etzioni report, published two weeks ago, said that teachers'

salaries had fallen far behind those of other sectors in the economy and should be raised substantially.

When the committee was set up, the government was not committed in advance to accepting its recommendations, though Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer had promised to argue for them in the government.

A fast reaction to the report came from Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz who said that paying the teachers large increases would lead to a series of demands from other workers to renegotiate their wage agreements. "This particular recommendation cannot be implemented until 1981," Hurvitz said.

Hurvitz reveals W. Bank tax figures

Post Economic Reporter

Residents of the West Bank paid out only 0.6 per cent of their "Gross National Product" on taxes last year, compared to the 25-40 per cent paid by Israelis.

Residents of the Gaza Strip pay out 1.1 per cent of their Gross Product on taxes. But neither they nor the residents of the West Bank receive the services that Israelis do.

Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz disclosed all this in answer to a motion to the agenda presented in the Knesset yesterday by MK Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment).

One of the reasons for the low taxation in the West Bank and Gaza is that both Jordanian and Egyptian law impose no taxes on revenue from agriculture.

Hurvitz said that IL50m. out of a gross product of IL11.5b. in the West Bank went to taxes. In the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai IL55m. were paid in taxes out of a gross product of IL4.9b.

In 1978 there were 121,500 non-Jewish breadwinners in the West Bank, of whom 37,000 were employed in Israel. In the Gaza Strip there were 80,500 breadwinners, of whom 31,500 had jobs in Israel, Hurvitz said.

There were 12,600 self-employed persons and companies paid taxes in the West Bank in the tax year of 1979/80 and another 12,000 persons who paid taxes out of their wages. In Gaza 3,600 self-employed persons and companies paid taxes and another 9,000 salaried workers paid taxes, he said.

Beduin murder suspect may be freed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The young Beduin arrested here on suspicion of murdering Vered Viner about two months ago outside Kibbutz Mishmar Haneghev will probably be released, and the police will not ask for the extension of his remand, a senior source in the Negev sub-district police told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The source expressed surprise at reports that the police have a serious suspect in the murder of the girl soldier. "We've had suspects before and they've all been released after questioning. In this case, too, we have circumstantial reasons for questioning this person, but almost nothing beyond that," the source added.

Deputy sub-district commander Sgan-Nitzan Avraham Malka also told The Post that the police are still groping in the dark in trying to solve the murder case.

In the magistrate's court, where the police a week ago requested the

remand of the 24-year-old suspect, they said that he had been found with scratches on his face a day after the murder. The Beduin said the scratches were incurred in a fall from his bicycle.

The Post has learned that the investigating team of 10 detectives is still looking for new directions to pursue their probe.

SLOWDOWN

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were unemployed.

Other indications of a slowdown can be seen in investment figures. Investments rose by only 1.3 per cent between April and September this year compared to 9 per cent in the previous six months.

Bank of Israel economists also say that the economy's growth potential — the amount the economy can grow under the best possible circumstances — has dropped from 7.8 per cent to 5.6 per cent.

The central bank experts also expect industry to pay for part of yesterday's rise in fuel prices. They explain that industry will not be able to make consumers pay for the higher prices of production caused by more expensive fuel, electricity and water, because of a drop in demand.

The Treasury expects the consumer price index to rise by about 11 per cent during December.

Fiji premier visits Yad Vashem

Jerusalem Post Staff

Fiji Premier Sir Kamiseve Mara visited Yad Vashem yesterday and said he was deeply impressed by his tour of the Holocaust Institute.

Sir Kamiseve met Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek yesterday afternoon and toured the capital,



The driver of this car was killed yesterday in a collision with the lorry near Bat Shlomo on a rain-soaked road. The lorry driver, hauled out of his overturned vehicle, was rushed to hospital in critical condition. In other accidents reported by Itim, two people were killed, one in the south, the other in the Tel Aviv region. (Larzel Run)

El Al closure mooted; board meets Saturday

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al's board of directors has been summoned for an emergency meeting on Saturday night, with only one item on the agenda: the closure of the company, management sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Board chairman Avraham "Buma" Shavit will report the board's decision to the economic cabinet on Sunday.

Closing the airline will cost from \$20m. to \$25m., mainly in compensation to employees, El Al sources estimate.

In a last-ditch effort to avert closure, Shavit tomorrow will attempt to persuade air crews to accept the wage cuts proposed by management. But his chances of success are extremely slim, El Al circles said yesterday.

The air crew works committee has so far rejected cancellation of the foreign currency component in pilots' salaries and deduction of full income tax which the company has been paying for them until now. They claim the cuts will halve their salaries.

The air crew works committee plans to consult with the Histadrut this week, and to obtain the agreement of all pilots in a general

meeting next Tuesday before making rejection of the cuts official and final. But a number of pilots may agree to the cuts if faced with the company's closure.

Tension, uncertainty and depression are increasing among El Al's employees, who have been living with the threat of closure for the past year. The airline's losses, over \$30m. this year, are expected to reach \$100m. next year, if the company continues with existing wage agreements. Rising fuel costs and newly introduced charter flights have increased losses. Flights have been taking off half empty during a period in which they are usually booked solid, as passengers who fear closure of the airline opt for foreign companies.

Even Shavit, whose appointment seemed to offer new hope for El Al's recovery, is apparently unable to cope with the national airline's complex and unhealthy labour relations.

An El Al spokesman yesterday said that Shavit has ordered the closure of the airline's sales offices in Baltimore and Pittsburgh as part of a retrenchment policy. The Israeli employees there will return home soon, the spokesman said.

A further 71 local pilots have been cancelled, and 65 of the workers in these slots have already been dismissed, he added.

Begin may offer Liberals post of Knesset Speaker

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister may attempt next week to persuade the Liberal Party to make do for the time being with the appointment of a Liberal MK as Speaker of the Knesset. Premier Menahem Begin might also offer one or two posts of deputy speaker to placate the Liberals if it need be, according to sources close to the prime minister and some Liberal sources.

Sources in the prime minister's office said they cannot draw up any plausible scenario for a cabinet reshuffle. If the Democratic Movement does indeed stay intact, then there will be no vacant ministries to hand over to the frustrated Liberals in compensation for their loss of the Finance Ministry, as Ezer Weizman has been tipped to get the foreign affairs portfolio.

The Liberals for their part too feel that "there is no opening" at present. They have received indications that they might well be asked to make do with little for the time being, with the assurance that if a vacancy does occur in the cabinet they will have the priority in filling it. The Liberal Executive is to convene this afternoon to take up this issue.

A number of Liberal spokesmen told The Jerusalem Post that, despite strenuous denials from the Democratic Movement's MKs to the effect that the party is about to break up, the Liberals expect the party to fall apart in the next few days. "That is our one great hope," one Liberal Member of the Knesset admitted to The Post last night. If this does indeed happen, and if any one of the six DM MKs defects from his party, the DM would have to give up one of its portfolios.

Liberal eyes will thus be fixed hard on the DM council which meets here on Sunday night to decide on whether the party ought to stay in the coalition. The DM said some weeks ago that it would quit the coalition unless conditions for improved government functioning were met. Though the DM is expected to stay in the Liberals say that some of the would-be defectors are waiting to see the tone and atmosphere of the proceedings on Sunday and may then decide to "abandon the sinking DM ship."

The atmosphere in the DM is grim and members are mutually suspicious about the possible attempts of some MKs to secure their political future by aligning themselves with other parties.

A slippery, slosy day — what you could see of it

Jerusalem Post Staff

Stormy weather gave Israel a bit of European atmosphere yesterday — London fog in the Jerusalem hills, Venetian canals in the flooded streets of Tel Aviv, and a touch of Chamonix snow in the Hermon area.

Those who were out in it were not impressed by the European touch. Heavy rains fell in the north and central regions, and Tel Aviv traffic crept past stalled cars, broken traffic lights, and two weeks' worth of garbage piled on the streets because of a sanitation strike.

Today's forecast is for local rain, clearing toward mid-day.

Late yesterday, visibility on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway was reduced to virtually zero between

the capital and Sha'ar Hagal. Last night long stretches of the Jericho-Beth Shean road were closed to traffic because of flooding.

A Tel Aviv drizzle did not deter some 30 dedicated acouts from turning up to clear garbage from the wholesale fruit and vegetable market, but a sudden chubdown made it impossible for them to do any work. The youngsters sat in their bus, singing and waiting for the downpour to abate. It didn't.

Meteorologists reported that the level of the Dead Sea has risen 26 cm., and is higher than it has been since 1963.

Yesterday's rainfall for Jerusalem was 12 mm., Haifa 17 mm., Tiberias 38 mm., Tel Aviv 27 mm., and Beerseba 0.3 mm.

Normalization in stages

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bassador to Egypt, has been accorded the courtesy of an envoy who has been already accredited. He said that he was confident that full normalization would be established between the two countries in due course.

Eon-Elissar had joined Ciochanoover in negotiating with Ghali on the initial scope of normalization including the establishment of embassies on February 25. It is understood that the two sides

have decided to set up embassies, with consular services, in Cairo and Tel Aviv.

Ghali yesterday said that his country's demand for opening "diplomacy offices" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip "to keep in touch there" was scheduled to be debated by the Israeli cabinet soon.

But Israeli officials here said that the Egyptian demand would most probably be turned down to prevent the territories from having a sort of extraterritorial status.

Peres forcing showdown with Allon for leadership

SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday made it clear to his rival for the party leadership, former foreign minister Yigal Allon, that he will force a showdown for the party's number one position and that it will probably take place at a specially convened Labour central committee session in mid-January.

Peres and Allon met for lunch in the Knesset yesterday in what was outwardly a friendly and cordial meeting. However, party sources say that Peres initiated the meeting with Allon to inform him that the proposal for a showdown committee meeting will be tabled before the party's Leadership Bureau early next week.

Allon is not interested in such a showdown at this juncture and party sources say he attempted to convince Peres that he is not challeng-

ing his leadership. But Peres made it clear that an atmosphere of rivalry does clearly exist in Labour and that it is sapping the party's energies for an internal fight which it cannot afford. "That Peres would like to have the matter decided as early as possible."

Sources in the party told The Jerusalem Post that Allon had recently indicated to Peres that he is willing to cease his public appearances in party forums and halt other indications of a challenge. In return he asked Peres not to push for an early showdown. Peres, however, rejected this.

The Allon camp has maintained that only the central committee elected by the next party convention would be authorized to pick Labour's candidate for prime minister in the 1981 elections and not a central committee which had been chosen before the 1977 polls.

Another meeting between Peres and Allon is expected soon.

Flower board head sacked; growers fear more firings

By YITZHAK OHED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The head of the Flower Marketing Board was replaced on Tuesday night in an effort to shake up the financially depressed flower industry.

Agriculture Ministry director-general Avraham Ben-Meir said that Nissim Lusato would be replaced by Menahem Rinitz, a 38-year-old flower grower from Eder Hese.

Ben-Meir described Rinitz as the kind of strong leader the beleaguered flower industry needed to pull it out of the doldrums.

Agriculturalists received the news of the firing of Lusato with shock and displeasure, fearing Agriculture Minister Arish Shikron will fire more officials. They claim he is "running scared" after his proposals were voted down in the Knesset last week with his own party also turning on him.

Flower board officials say Sharon

and Industry, Trade and Tourism, Minister Gideon Pait were co-signers on every loan or financial transaction Lusato sanctioned.

"They say the flower board's financial problems are partly due to the gap between the galloping inflation and rising production costs, and the slow rise of the dollar exchange rate, and partly to debts on IL250m. loans which the board was forced to take under high credit terms. These loans, which both Sharon and Pait approved, financed packing stations for flower exports. They were built at the demand and with the approval of flower growers."

Flower growers are also peeved at the way Sharon sanctioned the board's reshuffle. Rinitz is a veteran grower, a member of the board's secretariat, and of the Israel Association of Commercial Flower Growers (IACFG). Kfar Hese, his home, belongs to the Histadrut-affiliated meshav movement.

Histadrut bid to curb Likud faction

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday revealed plans to shackle the belligerent Likud faction in the labour federation. The Likud responded with a blistering attack on secretary general Yoram Moshe and said it was considering legislative action in the Knesset to stop the move.

The clash was over Alignment plans to call a special convention to pave the way for the expulsion from the Histadrut of MK Meir Cohen, who heads the Likud opposition there. The Alignment claims that he does not abide by Labour federation policy, which is to support the government. "The Likud faction is a political party and not a labour union," Cohen said. "I am supporting these measures in the

Knesset. The Histadrut council, which meets on Sunday, will be asked to schedule an extraordinary session of the labour federation's congress in mid-1980.

Cohen has been a thorn in the Alignment's side. A senior central committee member said yesterday that Cohen's predecessors, David Levy and Yoram Aridor, were easier to get along with. (Levy is now Minister of Housing and Absorption and Aridor is deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office.)

Meir's "unsubtle" conduct in coaching Knesset members to follow the Histadrut executive's political line in the legislature, Aridor said. If necessary, special Knesset legislation would be sought to nullify Histadrut sanctions, he said.

The hottest falafel in town

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The owner of a falafel stand who didn't tell the Value Added Tax authorities about his sales over the last three years was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment.

Bezalel Yefet, owner of the Nissim falafel shop in Tel Aviv's Bezalet Market, pleaded guilty to all the charges the taxmen brought against him. Magistrates Court Judge David Bar-Ophir also imposed a IL2m. fine on Yefet, who already owes the taxman IL1.5m. plus interest on the VAT he evaded.

"We must make it clear that tax offences don't pay," Bar-Ophir said in his verdict. The judge said that as far as he knew Yefet's case was the largest ever handled by a criminal court.

350 runners at Ein Gev for lake marathon today

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 100 overseas competitors from 15 countries will be among the 350 men and women runners lining up at Ein Gev this morning for the largest square of Galilee marathon to Ghazal. Starting time is 9.30, and this third annual 42.195-kilometre race round the Kinneret is scheduled to take place whatever the weather.

The marathon will be one of the biggest international athletic events held in Israel to date, with the foreign entry nearly twice that of last year. The U.S., with 34 runners, has sent the largest squad, while England and West Germany each have some 20 participants. There is a total of 10 women entries, three from America and the rest local.

The race, which is sponsored for the first time by the Tel Aviv-Sheraton Hotel, is again being organized by the Israel Sports Federation's athletics committee, with the cooperation of various Jordan Valley local authorities and kibbutzim in the historic route. The marathon will double as the third national championships in the event.

Leading the challenge will be 10 prominent marathon runners from Western Europe, plus Israel's Moscow Olympics candidate Yair Karni, all of whom have best times for the distance of under 2 hours, 30 minutes. Another 15 or so have clocked less than 2 1/2 hours for the race, but there are no Israelis among this group.

The fastest man entered is Belgium's third-ranking marathon

runner, Jean-Marie Anclon, with a best time of 2:14.41. Next are former English champion Barry Watson (2:15.08), and Ludwig Haelele, whose time of 2:15.46, was the fastest by a West German athlete this year.

Haelele's compatriot Werner Dorrmeister (2:17.38), who won the first Kinneret race in 1977 and finished third last December, is now only in seventh place, behind leading Italian Gian Paolo Measani and Claudio Balone, and Irish champion Pat Hooper.

Emek Heizer Hapoel's Karni, who has returned home from his studies in the U.S. for the event, is 19th in the table of the fastest runners, after clocking a personal best of 2:19.15 a few weeks ago.

Noteworthy among the "masters" (over-40) competitors is Gunter Schmidt, 42, of West Germany, whose best time for the grueling race is 2:21.30. Oldest entry is Josef Wein, 70, of the Ayak Israel Running Club, which has entered 80 of its members in the marathon. Many of the 250 local entries are joggers, among them the Tel Aviv-Sheraton general manager, Harold Richman.

TA vs. Bosnia tonight

Post Sports Reporter

Tel Aviv Maccabi plays Bosnia Sarajevo at 8 p.m. Israel time tonight in Yugoslavia in the second game of the final pool of the European Cup basketball championship.

Maccabi last week beat D. Boesh of Holland 86-67 at the Eilat in the first game of the pool.

HOME NEWS

Failing companies get easy loans Gov't finds exceptions to its credit squeeze

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The government will ask the Knesset Finance Committee today to approve halting out two financially troubled Dimona factories, even though there is little chance of making them profitable and even though such action goes against recently introduced economic policies.

The government reportedly decided to help the two factories, which are owned by brothers Hugo and Edward Schwartz, mainly because of pressure from Dimona Mayor MK Jacques Amir and because it did not want to see the factories' 200 employees out of a job.

The economic mini-cabinet decided last month to link all government loans by 100 per cent to the cost-of-living index. But Friction Materials Corp. and Ceramic Castings Corp. would get IL35m. of government-guaranteed credit linked by only 70 per cent to the C-o-L index at half a per cent interest. The credit facilities are not actually a deferral of money it owes to customs.

The Knesset Finance Committee is being asked to approve the government request to bail out the

factories even though they have not published a balance sheet since 1977. This is reportedly because they did not pay their accountants.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt told the committee yesterday that he doesn't believe the factories can be saved. He said he had appointed three managers to the factories, but all of them had quit. He hinted that former industry minister Haim Bar-Lev was responsible for the situation.

The minister said the only reason he was asking for the committee's approval to bail out the companies is a feeling of responsibility towards their employees. He will also ask the committee to approve an outright government grant of IL10m. to help the factories pay for raw materials, salaries, debts to the National Insurance Institute and its electricity bill.

The chairman of the committee, MK Shlomo Lorincz, said his committee had never been asked to approve a government guarantee of credit on the basis of such skimpy information. Approving the government request, he said, would constitute a dangerous precedent which could force the committee to confront a series of requests to bail out collapsing companies.



Kinneret fishermen claim that recent increased catches, part of which are seen here, are attributable to this week's heavy rain. (IFPA)

Histadrut leader hits national health insurance plan: Poriya's poor facilities will be the norm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's health services will begin to look like Tiberias' run-down Poriya Hospital if the proposed national health insurance law is passed in its present form, Ya'acov Vilan, head of the Histadrut's social welfare centre, charged yesterday during a heated debate at Kupat Holim's 10th national conference.

"People in the Jordan Valley who depend on this hospital for medical help have petitioned Kupat Holim to take over its administration," he said.

Frequent attempts by the Health Ministry to reopen many of Poriya's departments have met with little success. Most patients reportedly prefer to go to Safed's hospital since Poriya, despite manifold attempts by doctors, is thought to provide sub-standard services due to old-fashioned equipment.

"Poriya hospital is an indication of how the ministry will run other services under the national health law," Vilan said. He called for an amendment of the proposed law to create only a supervisory body which would leave provision of services to the existing health insurance funds.

Likud faction delegates who support the proposed law in its present form interrupted Vilan frequently and vociferously. He was termed an "interested party" by Daniel Nahmani (Likud), who said that when former health minister Victor Shatzkov proposed a different law, "tailored more or less to protect the interests" of Kupat Holim, its management had launched a campaign to defeat the bill.

Earlier, Vilan had charged that "while Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz is promising to cut down the civil service, Health Minister

Eliezer Shostak is trying to add another 800 civil servants to the present swollen bureaucracy."

Our Knesset reporter adds:

The only way to ensure that Galilee has the same level of medical services as the rest of Israel is to set up a university-level medical centre there. This was the central recommendation of the Knesset Interior Committee and Economic Committee yesterday, after a joint study of the region's defective medical services.

The shortage of doctors in Galilee would have to be eased by government measures to station them there for set periods, the committees recommended.

Galilee residents will not remain in the region, and no new residents will be attracted there unless shortcomings in medical services are corrected, they said.

Hurvitz says tax receipts are up from self-employed

Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz said yesterday that income tax collections from self-employed persons had increased in real terms by 47 per cent in October and by 44 per cent in November, compared with the parallel months in 1978.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Imri Ron (Alignment-Ma'apam), who said that practically all of the increased collection of income tax in the first 10 months of this year had come from employees.

In the July-September quarter there had actually been a 2.7 per cent decline in real terms in tax collection from the self-employed, Ron asserted.

Hurvitz said that the figures released by the Bank of Israel, which Ron had cited, were misleading. Whereas taxes from employees are collected monthly, the self-employed pay their final tax for a given year one or two years afterwards; meanwhile, they are deducting other payments throughout each tax year.

Under galloping inflation, Hurvitz said, comparing tax collection from the two sectors creates an

"optical illusion" of a gap. But if the rate of inflation declines in the next fiscal year, Israel will witness a greater increase in the taxes paid by the self-employed than by employees, Hurvitz said.

By a vote of 26-24, Ron's motion was struck from the agenda.

SHLOMO MAOZ adds:

Hurvitz also noted that from January to October the customs authorities' investigation department had opened 4,300 files, 70 per cent of them dealing with VAT offences.

Customs stations themselves had opened a further 2,000 files against offenders, with 90 per cent of these relating to VAT infringements. Charge sheets had been filed against 762 offenders. Thus far this year, judgement has been handed down in 445 cases, some of them relating to files opened in the previous year. Some 500 cases are presently going through the courts.

Hurvitz said the government gave no quarter where criminal offences against customs. Serious financial crimes were dealt with by the courts, and in less serious cases, the state exacts a fine rather than bringing the case to court.

No soldiers suspected in assault on Arabs in Halhoul

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents of Kiryat Arba are thought to have assaulted two Arabs in a grocery store in Halhoul on Tuesday night and smashed equipment, and not soldiers patrolling the town, a military government investigation established yesterday.

The incident occurred after an Egged bus travelling from Jerusalem to Kiryat Arba came under a hail of stones while passing through the Arab town. Two women passengers were slightly injured. Ten young men from Halhoul were detained for questioning, but released later.

A spokesman for the Judea and Samaria military government told *The Jerusalem Post* that neither the doctor nor the mukhtar attacked in the grocery shop had been able to point out his assailants at an identification parade held yesterday.

The four men who broke into the shop were wearing army-type winter jackets and one of them was carrying an Uzi sub-machinegun,

eyewitnesses said. The IDF maintains that the 18 soldiers who made arrests in Halhoul on Tuesday night were not armed with Uzis.

Kiryat Arba residents have admitted that they were responsible for the incident, which they said was in retaliation for the attack on the bus and for similar incidents over the past few weeks. Military government officials are continuing their investigation.

Halhoul Mayor Mohammed Milhem yesterday afternoon held what he said was "a very positive" meeting with the military governor of Hebron and said the governor had expressed his concern over the attack on the shop.

In another West Bank trouble spot, residents of the Jalazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah complained to police yesterday that some cars parked in the camp had had windows or lights smashed during Tuesday night. Twice in the last fortnight stones have been thrown at passing vehicles driven by residents of Jewish settlements near the camp.

Pa'il raps motives of W. Bank settlers

Post Knesset Reporter

MK Meir Pa'il (Sheli) charged yesterday that West Bank settlements such as Ofra, Ma'aleh Pa'il, Horon and Ariel are simply suburbs built by state funds for people well-off financially who continue to work in Greater Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

They rent out their own flats at high rentals and know they will be well compensated if their settlements are dismantled, he added.

Replying to Pa'il's motion for the agenda on social and economic considerations of new settlements, Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz said that none of the applicants for bargain housing in Ma'atot or Shlomi had been asked to say

whether he owned a flat in Rishon Lezion or Kiryat Sava.

That's the way the government acted when it was interested in populating Galilee, and it acted the same way with respect to the Jordan Rift, Judea and Samaria, Hurvitz said. If residents of Shlomi or Carmiel worked in Nahariya and Acre until work was available where they lived, what was wrong with that? Hurvitz asked.

"Say the settlers of Judea and Samaria are dead wrong, if you like," Hurvitz said. "Say that they're doing damage to the state. But how can you question the purity of their motives? These are people who have been living with their children in caravans for three years, rain or shine." The motion was struck from the agenda.

Geula warns of Jerusalem 'sell-out'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Tehya's Geula Cohen, who broke away from the Likud earlier this year, is so worried that Prime Minister Menachem Begin will sell out to President Anwar Sadat over the future of Jerusalem that she has tabled a private member's bill to reinforce its status as the capital.

Cohen also told *The Jerusalem Post* privately that Begin has a plan to waive Israeli sovereignty over the whole of the Old and New Cities east of the Western Wall, and will discuss it with Sadat at Aswan on January 7.

Cohen's proposed "Basic Law: Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel,"

defines it as such; declares that the borders of Greater Jerusalem as fixed after the Six Day War may not be changed; and stipulates that the President, the Knesset, the government and the Supreme Court must all be permanently situated there.

She noted in her explanation to the draft that some rulings concerning Jerusalem are found in various existing laws.

Cohen said: "Begin has a sentimental attachment to the Western Wall, but he has no political commitment in my opinion. He always tried to prevent Barak youth from entering the Temple Mount, when he was in the opposition as well as the coalition."

15 workers fired at Bank of Israel

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel has so far fired 15 employees in compliance with the government's policy of cut-backs.

The plan is to dismiss 56 of the 1,100 employees — the same number

as were taken on in the last two years.

The dismissed workers are temporary employees, workers on contract, and those trying out for positions. Some of them have been employed by the central bank for as long as three years.

Rabbis censure reluctant husband

By YA'ACOV WEIDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A husband who admitted he does not sleep with his wife was censured by rabbis for neglecting his conjugal duties to pay a fine of "20 grains of silver the size of barley" each week until he grants her a divorce.

The man was declared "rebellious" in the Haifa rabbinical court last week for not doing his marital duty.

The wife sued her husband, who is 38 years old, charging that he had refused to sleep with her for some months. The husband admitted the

charge, but said he had become sexually repulsive to him.

Both partners said that but for this shortcoming they got on very well together.

The rabbi declared that a *get* (bill of divorce) would be granted if he did not sleep with her within a specified period of time.

It was stressed that similar judgments against husbands, as well as wives, have been handed down by the rabbinical courts in the past.

The fine was estimated at about IL500 a week, at the current price of silver.

Delays as freight cars skip track

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Several freight wagons were derailed early yesterday morning on the single-track coastal line south of Binyamina, damaging the track and holding up the morning passenger traffic.

Trains were delayed by nearly 45 minutes and hundreds of commuters were late for work.

Israel Railways general manager Zvi Teatrak said yesterday he had asked the Transport Ministry for urgent appropriation of IL300m. to repair rolling stock and track equipment. "We also need more manpower to carry out essential repairs on both," he added.

The sorry condition of rolling stock is causing considerable losses — not only to the railways. A convention of the Geographical Society at Haifa University this week Transport Ministry official Daniel Morgenstern reported that in 1978-79 obstacles to rail haulage held up

the export of minerals, mainly Negev phosphates, through the port of Ashdod.

The Negev Phosphates Company was compelled to spend millions of pounds on expensive trucking to the Ashdod to comply with contracted delivery orders, he said.

The company is now engaged in arbitration with the Railways on mutual claims for compensation.

Because of budgetary limitations the Railways were able to buy additional freight wagons only with the financial participation of the company, but many wagons are idle because the Railways workshops lack manpower and parts.

In his paper read to the Geographical Society, Morgenstern said that the proposed 21 km. link between Kiryat Gat and Ashdod (to be completed at the end of 1983) has assumed increased importance since the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt.

London bulletin calls it quits

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The daily news bulletin published here by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is to cease publication at the end of the year, for financial reasons.

It is understood that the bulletin, with under 1,000 subscribers, loses in the region of £20,000 a year.

The bulletin has been edited for the past two and a half years by Misha Almagor, an Israeli journalist, who is also the London correspondent of Israel Radio. He took over the editorship from Mark Segal of *The Jerusalem Post*.

The decision to close the bulletin will not affect the rest of the JTA operation.

Porters get 10 years for gem theft

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three porters who worked at unloading planes at Ben-Gurion Airport were sentenced yesterday to 10 years imprisonment each and fined IL500,000 for stealing a sack of diamonds worth over \$900,000.

Two new Habad centres planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two new Habad centres will be established in Israel at the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Schneersohn, who will send some of his followers in the diaspora to settle them. The Rebbe announced yesterday in New York that one of the centres will be set up in Jerusalem and the second will be a village in an as yet undetermined place. The Habad movement already has a large village at Kiryat Habad and groups in Safad, Lod, Jerusalem and Kiryat Malachi.

The hassidic leader said he hoped the Israeli government, with which he has disagreed over the peace agreement and the withdrawal from Sinai, will aid in the establishment of the sites by allocating land and offering technical help.

In his Hanukka message, he also urged parents to see to it that their children attend parties on the Festival of Lights, distribute gifts and explain the message of the holiday.

Knesset defeats world Jewry motion

Post Knesset Reporter

By a vote of 31-24, the Knesset yesterday defeated a motion for the agenda by Gideon Herutiz (Alignment) on world Jewry and Israel.

Herutiz said that the hopes for a new era in Israel-Diaspora relations generated by the peace agreement with Egypt had evaporated. By its sin of omission and commission the government had frustrated and alienated world Jewry, she said.

Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich said in reply that he was aware of no crisis between world Jewry and Israel. Nothing had changed with respect to Diaspora-Israel relations since the Likud came to power. Emigration had not begun with the Likud, and immigration was higher this year than in any of the past three years.

Ehrlich faulted Alignment MKs for criticising the government when addressing Jewish audiences abroad. When Menachem Begin had been in the opposition, he made a point of speaking of the government

with respect when he was abroad, Ehrlich said.

In reply to an interjection, he made it clear that the Alignment MKs he had referred to did not include Abba Eban, but Yeroham Meshel, Shimon Peres, and Yigal Alon.

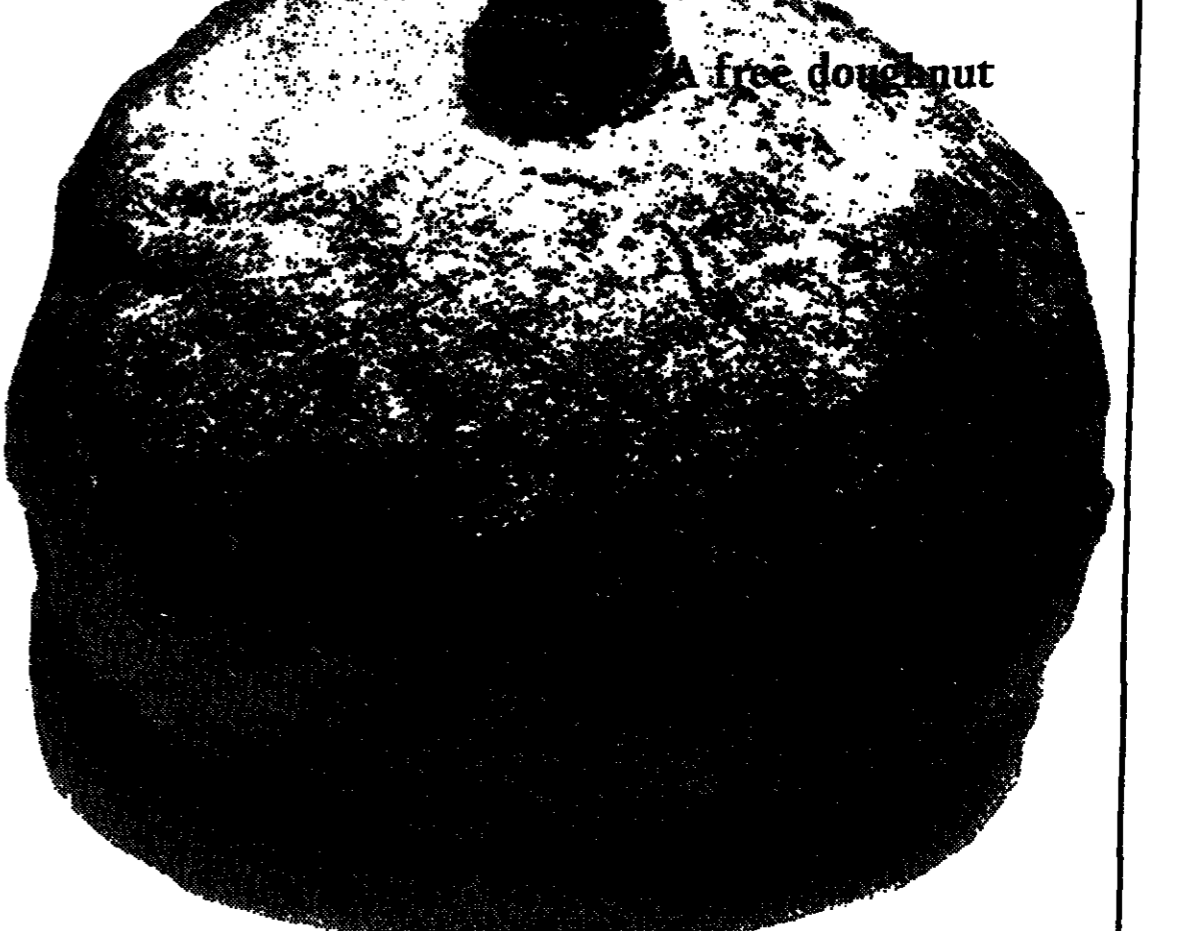
A motion for the agenda by Gustav Haddan (Likud-Liberals) on the establishment of a joint parliament of the State of Israel and Diaspora Jewry was referred to committee.

Porters get 10 years for gem theft

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three porters who worked at unloading planes at Ben-Gurion Airport were sentenced yesterday to 10 years imprisonment each and fined IL500,000 for stealing a sack of diamonds worth over \$900,000.

The three judges at the District Court here devoted much of their verdict to criticism of the "corrupt atmosphere" at the country's main airport. About \$18m. worth of gems were stolen from postal sacks at the airport during the last year.

Gavriel Burashvili, 46, Gavriel Pitzhazda, 39, and Michael Nametashvili, 43, were each fined IL500,000 in addition to the prison terms. Before the trial started Nametashvili was sentenced to another three-and-a-half-year prison term for a previous theft at the airport. The judges yesterday ruled that he would spend a total of 11 years in jail.



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A HANUKKA TALE

By ARE KRAMER/Special to The Jerusalem Post

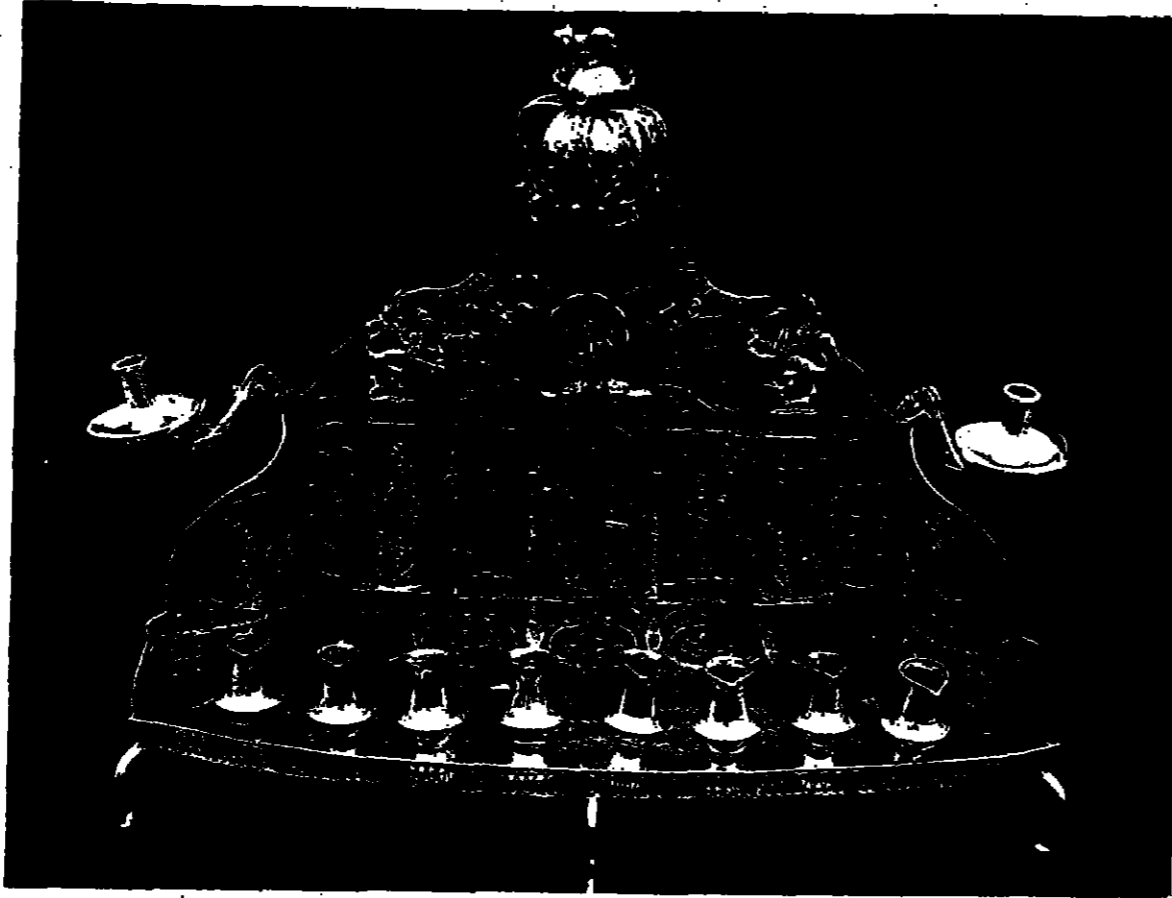
A MOST intriguing Hanukka story came to light during last year's Festival of Lights in Jerusalem. It was told by an immigrant from Australia, Aleck Sacks, at a party for the aliyah at Jerusalem's Moadon Ha'Oleh in the Talbich quarter.

The story was about a hanukkia Sacks owned, which he displayed at the party. A retired lawyer, Aleck and his wife Rosa settled in Israel in 1973. Here in the story he told, and it is a measure of his diligence as a student that he told it in Hebrew.

He had begun his law practice in Melbourne in 1933, the year Hitler came to power in Germany. Until the outbreak of World War II, much of Aleck's time and energy, apart from normal legal work, was devoted to the rising tide of Jewish refugees from the Nazi persecution. He worked to obtain entry visas — or landing permits, as they were called then — for Jewish families to enter Australia.

The Australian immigrant authorities were strict in following the policies of the British Home Office. While thousands of untrained and even illiterate non-Jewish immigrants were granted permits without delay, Sacks had to wait, frustrated and angry, as Jews who were doctors, physicians, engineers, chemists, teachers or skilled in other ways were refused.

Sacks fought and argued bitterly with the relevant authorities in Melbourne and Canberra. Occasionally his persistent efforts bore fruit. As if to appease him in some slight way, or simply to "get him out of their hair," they granted him permits for a few now and then. But these were only on application from residents of Melbourne in behalf of relatives; no permits were granted to persons who applied to him for assistance directly from Europe.



The rare hanukkia acquired by Aleck Sacks for £10.

ONE AFTERNOON, shortly before the outbreak of war, a middle-aged man, modestly dressed and with a humble manner, was shown into Sacks' office. He introduced himself as "Mr. Lichtenstein." When the lawyer showed no recognition, he explained, in Yiddish, "You got a permit for me to come here, at the request of my father, whose name here is Mr. Light."

"Pay me?" Sacks replied with a smile. "My friend, you owe me nothing. I do not take money for getting landing permits. It is a great mitzva to help rescue Jews. My reward is to see you here in good health."

Lichtenstein protested but eventually left, looking rather despondent over Sacks' refusal to accept money. He returned several weeks later, carrying a parcel.

Out of the parcel Lichtenstein took a silver hanukkia of beautiful fine filigree work, topped by a Tora crown. In its centre under the Tora crown were hinged doors that opened, simulating the Ark in which the Tora scroll is kept. In addition to the holders for Hanukka candles, there

were two others, one on each end, for the Sabbath lights.

Lichtenstein said, "Will you give me £10?"

IN THOSE DAYS that was not a small sum. But Sacks liked the hanukkia and was anxious to help the man, so he paid him the £10.

Mrs. Sacks, too, was struck by its beauty and artistry, also believing it was a Besalel work. They placed it on the mantelpiece in their living room, and there it stood for more than 30 years until the couple immigrated to Israel.

Three years later, in 1976, they decided to give the hanukkia to their married daughter, who lives with

her husband and two sons a short distance from their own home in Jerusalem. However, Mrs. Sacks, on examining it one day, discovered a tiny fracture in part of the filigree work forming the back wall of the piece and decided to have it repaired before giving it to her daughter. At that time Aleck Sacks was in Australia on a family matter.

Mrs. Sacks took the hanukkia to a Jerusalem silversmith the family knew as normally being phlegmatic and well-controlled. When he turned back the brown wrapping paper and saw the hanukkia his eyes goggled, and he burst out, "Do you want to sell it? I'll give you \$800." His excitement overcame his caution and, without waiting for a reply, he ex-

claimed, "I'll give you \$1,000." Surprised, Mrs. Sacks said, "I'm sorry, I have no intention of selling it. I merely brought it to you to repair." Clearly rueful, the silversmith took the hanukkia for repairs only, but pressed her again to sell when he returned it.

When Aleck Sacks returned from Australia, his wife related the incident to him. He set about trying to unravel the mystery of the silversmith's behaviour and discussed the matter with a well-known Jerusalem antiquarian and authority on Judaica, who said he would be interested in seeing the piece.

Sacks brought it to him, again wrapped in unimposing brown paper, and when the expert unwrapped it, his reaction was hardly less startling than that of the silversmith. He gasped, and hastily closed the paper, as if to protect the hanukkia from exposure. Excitedly, he exclaimed, "This you will not sell — never! You heard! This is a piece of Jewish history. You will never sell it. The Israel Museum will pay you many thousands of dollars, but you must never sell it."

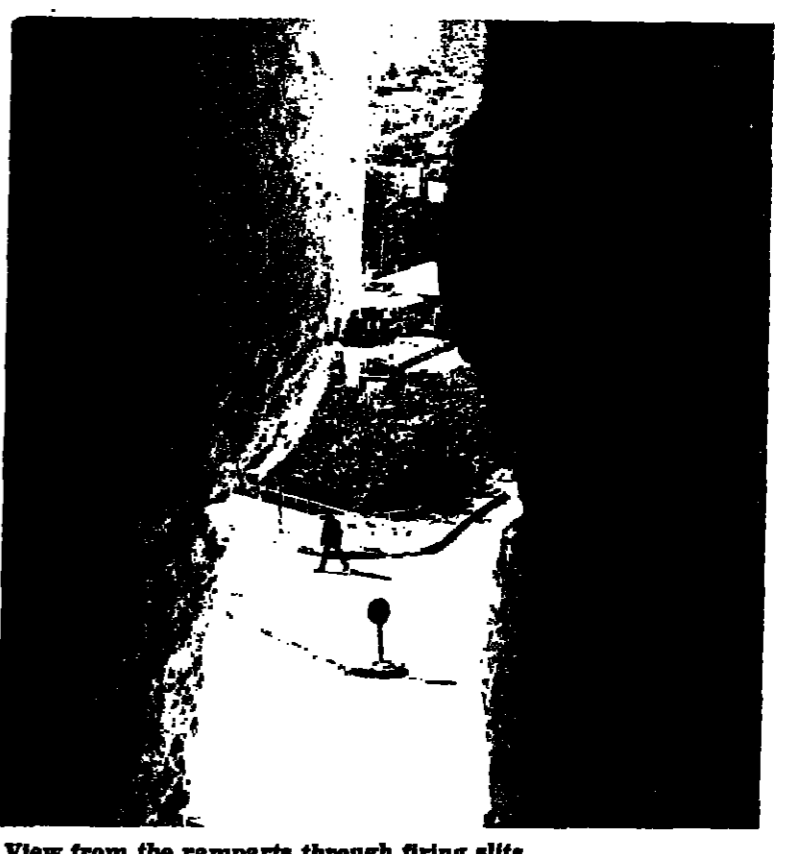
He then explained to Aleck Sacks what was now evident, that the hanukkia was a rare item, well-known to collectors and connoisseurs of Judaica art, one of only two like it, made in Prague in 1738. One had turned up in New York in recent years, but the whereabouts of the second had — until now — remained a mystery.

Sacks had a special glass case made for the hanukkia, and it now rests on an appropriate velvet backcloth in his daughter's home.

THE EPILOGUE to this tale occurred some time later, when Sacks next visited Melbourne. He searched for, and after nearly 40 years, found Lichtenstein. It took some drawing out but Sacks learned from him that the hanukkia had been in the Lichtenstein family for over 200 years. It was the only possession he had brought with him from Europe to Melbourne.

When Sacks had declined to take money from him for the landing permit, which had saved his life, Lichtenstein had decided to sell him the hanukkia without revealing its history and true value. He knew that if he had, the lawyer would not have accepted it.

Sacks offered to give it back to him. Lichtenstein declined. He declared simply that he was extremely happy that it was now in Israel, and being used for the purpose for which it was originally fashioned.



View from the ramparts through firing slits.

Opening up new horizons

By YEHOANATHAN TOMMEE/Special to The Jerusalem Post

MANY AN excited child has gazed up at the tall walls of the Old City of Jerusalem and wondered what it would be like to peer down from the ramparts at the swirling activity below. Now he can enjoy it in safety.

On Sunday, coinciding with the start of the Christian pilgrim season in Israel, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Gideon Peat will officially inaugurate the completed western section of the restored Rampart Walk from the Jaffa Gate to the New Gate (constructed by Sultan Abdul Hamid II in 1887).

The walk is certain to attract people of all ages — including enthusiastic school children — who want to enjoy panoramic views of the city.

Work on the 420-metre route began last May. It is the first part of a three-stage development project being executed by the East Jerusalem Development Company to convert the four-kilometre-long ramparts into a tourist walk around the entire city. The cost of this completed section amounted to IL3m.

Old-timers who remember clinging to the rusted railings inserted in the wall by the British Mandate authorities will find this section of the ramparts pleasantly changed. The double interval between each step leading from the street to the roofed landing above the original entrance to Jaffa Gate has been restored by a regular stone staircase, making it a comfortable climb even for the elderly.

A firmly constructed, lattice-style metal staircase with a metre-high safety railing leads on from the landing to the ramparts. Comfort and safety were key elements in the design, and the railing accompanies the walker on the inner side facing the Old City for the remainder of the walk.

"Unobtrusiveness is the guiding principle of our restoration work," says the project's architectural adviser, Professor Miriam Ayalon, head of the Hebrew University's Islamic architecture department.

"As with all restoration in the Old City, we aim to replace what time has destroyed and integrate it with the original."

BROKEN or damaged blocks in the 17th-century Turkish walls have been repaired with local stone. The route itself has been insulated against damage by rain, and the pavement is set at a slope away from the wall to provide drainage. To preserve its appearance as a path for soldiers to get to their posts, the walk has been resurfaced with the original rough-hewn stones.

Passing the "machinonim" — the special opening for pouring boiling oil down on attacking invaders — at the Jaffa Gate end, the walker reaches the first of two smooth-surfaced landings, about two metres square in size, leading up to the turrets. These are the flat roofs of former ammunition storerooms under the ramparts. The observant visitor will not miss the original stone steps leading down to the storerooms beyond the railing.

Two sets of heavy copper plaques have been installed on hinges protruding from the stone wall. One plaque, installed at the Jaffa Gate entrance to the ramparts briefly describes in Hebrew, English and Arabic the history of the gate and the major points of interest along the wall. The second plaque, installed at the panoramic view is a copper etching of the skyline on the south-west, indicating the Yemin Moshe quarter, the King David Hotel and the new housing development neighbourhood on Government House Hill.

After the Sunday opening, the half-hour walk from the Jaffa Gate will be possible only in the direction of the New Gate. The rampart walk will be open to the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day and there will be an entrance fee. Children below the age of six will not be allowed on to the ramparts, and children between the ages of six and twelve will have to be accompanied by an adult.

High hopes for home teams

SOCCER PREVIEW/Paul Kohn

THE TOP two teams in the National League, Netanya Maccabi and Tel Aviv Hapoel, both play away fixtures this Saturday, raising hopes of fancied home teams like Shimshon and Tel Aviv Maccabi for closing the gap on the leaders.

Netanya Maccabi appears to have the easier of the games, playing against Petah Tikva Hapoel, who are in 14th place and have hit a poor patch. Petah Tikva Hapoel have scored only one goal in their last five games and that was against bottom club Jaffa Maccabi last Saturday. One may not look forward to a flourish of goals from them this week either, with the outcome of this game depending on how well the home defence can hold the much snappier Netanya forwards, who include the in-form Benny Lamm, David Lavie, Oded Machness and Moshe Garlan.

Tel Aviv Hapoel travel to Kfar Sava in what should prove a tough match for them. Kfar Sava Hapoel have one of the best teams in the country, which has not shown its potential this season. With Israel Vogel, Eli Yarnal and Dory Almog in its forward line, the team should have had more than eight goals in 12 League matches. The two teams claim the two best defensive records in the league, which would suggest a low-scoring result.

But then Yitzhak Shum, Noach Steinman, Vogel and Co. could hit hard.

Third-placed Shimshon looks set for a home win against Ramat Amidar. The team is back at full strength with the return of Yehoshua Feigenbaum, and with the Damir brothers and Avishay

Levy also showing good form, should be capable of hitting two or three goals past the Ramat Gannars' defence.

Tel Aviv Maccabi too must be hot favourites to beat Haifa Hapoel at the Bloomfield Stadium. Their top players are likely to be on show for the new national team coach, Jack Mansell, and Moshe Schweitzer, Vicky Peretz and Benny Tabak between them should be worth a couple of goals against a defence that has yielded 16 goals already.

Jerusalem Betar have gone eight games without a win during which they have scored all of one goal. This is the worst record for the highly rated Jerusalem club for many, many years. Danny Neuman, their captain, consistently plays outstanding games but finds virtually no support in attack.

This Saturday at the YMCA stadium, Betar entertains Bnei Yehuda. The Hattiva Quarter team has not lost in its last five games, winning four of them. Ehud Ben-Tovim, who was so nearly a Jerusalem Betar player at the start of the season, will surely want to show the Betar fans what they missed — but the problem for Betar is less the Bnei Yehuda attack than their own.

Betar are certainly due for a win, but football pool punters must save on a draw forecast.

THOSE LOOKING for surprise results should turn to the Negev capital, where Beersheba Hapoel entertains Jaffa Maccabi. The Jaffa side has not managed a win yet this season, but there are clear signs of a revival and Beersheba Hapoel may find the going tougher



Ehud Ben-Tovim

than would appear on paper. Jerusalem Hapoel, the clear Second Division leaders, have a tough encounter this Saturday, playing away to Ramat Gan Hapoel.

Although last week's Sportoto football coupon featured no less than eight draw results among the 13 games listed, 20 persons managed to get all 13 results marked correctly, each winning IL200,000. Twelve results right will be worth IL3,700, 11 winning IL850 and coupons showing ten results right earning IL80. Sportoto income last week topped IL30m.

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Tel Aviv Betar v Petah Tikva Mac.	X
Haifa Hap. v Netanya Mac.	X
Hertzliya Mac. v Upper Nazareth	X
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Ramat Gan Hap. v J'lem Hap.	1
Tiberias Hap. v Hertzliya Hap.	1

Powerful performance

MUSIC/Benjamin Bar-Am

THE GREAT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA of Tel Aviv, conducted by David Shalton, December 13). Beethoven: Great Fugue; Stravinsky: Octet for Winds; Vaughan-Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis; Stravinsky: Danse Concertante.

THIS CONCERT offered not only an extremely interesting programme, but also some excellent performances. David Shalton proved an original inventive conductor whom one would like to see more often on our concert stages.

Shalton started the Great Fugue in a rather stormy way, over-dramatising some phrases and sections. In totum, however, the performance was powerful and gripping. This truly "storm and stress" interpretation was beautifully contrasted with and balanced Stravinsky's neo-classical sense of restraint and objectivity, perfectly brought off by the conductor and the eight winds of the orchestra (flute, clarinet, two bassoons, two trumpets and two trombones). Shalton directed with accuracy and elegance.

The highlight of the evening, however, was Vaughan-Williams' beautiful "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" for double stringed orchestra. Shalton placed one of the orchestra's behind the scenes, thus creating a fascinating double level of volume and marvellous echo and antiphonal effects. The sounds coming from the off-stage — to use an expression of Tallis' times — "chest of viols" seemed like echoes from the far past, thus giving the Tallis (1606-1585) — Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958) relationship a most original audio-visual illustration. For this fanciful presentation, Shalton deserves the highest praise. A rhythmically not very precise presentation of Stravinsky's

"Danse Concertante" concluded the evening.

LEUD CHOIR, Avner Itai, conducting (Tel Aviv, Museum, December 11). Works by Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Liszt, Strauss, Verdi, Wagner, Mahler, Sibelius, Janacek, Yekutiel Shur, Ligeti, and a Ladino lullaby and Israeli folksongs.

AS USUAL Avner Itai and his choir presented a varied and interesting programme covering Renaissance, baroque, 20th century and folkloristic music. However, musically speaking, expectations seemed apparently to have run too high. Since we last heard the choir, there seems to have been no progress made but possibly a regression. It opened the Rossi pieces in a rather stiff manner, and one could immediately feel the absence of sonic depth. An exception was the Scheln, whose smooth harmonies helped the choir to cover its weaknesses.

In some of the six (!) contemporary items, the unimpressive sonority and relative poverty of tonal potential did not prove too serious an obstacle. Kodaly's powerful oratory ("Jesus and the Pedlars," sung in Hungarian) and Ligeti's modern textures ("Night and Morning"), as well as Shur's programmatic "Oh Wind," were particularly convincing. Partos' smoothly flowing lines and Orgad's immensely sophisticated and highly idiomatic "Last Lullaby" (text by Abba Kovner), however, fell short of one's expectations. Neither did the Bach Motet provide any real pleasure. The singing was stiff, tense and laboured.

Singer Ed Kahn excelled in a beautiful Ladino lullaby, yet Ben-Haim's "La Rossa" and Janacek's 16th century programmatic chanson "Le Guerre" again exposed flatness of sound.

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We like to report on old-timers who for years have contributed to the Toy Fund with their own mini-drive. Today our list shows that once again Mirrah Insurance Services of Tel Aviv have brought the Toy Fund IL6,500.

Agents, management and staff all join in this project. But we also add a new name to our list - Carl Schrag, a freshman at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). We quote from his letter: "Enclosed please find my cheque for \$25 for the Toy Fund. This is the first year I've donated to the fund, but certainly not the last. I think it's a great campaign, and I'm proud to be part of it."

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Eilahu Teomim

tion," he said. Another energy-saving process was being developed for the bromine plants. In addition to developing energy-saving processes, he said, the firm's future was in finding alternative sources. He had hopes that the solar energy ponds which were inaugurated at the Dead Sea this week might provide a solution. Another possibility was the use of oil shale, or perhaps the long-talked-about canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea. "However, whether we like it or not, the future lies in atomic energy. If the Western world wants to continue developing and not descend into another Dark Age, it will either have to rely more on atomic energy or to accept serfdom to the Arab sheiks," the industrialist said. He added that some uranium could be produced from the phosphate digs, but he refused to go into details, saying the entire process lay years ahead.

Short-term investments - a way to beat inflation

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - One way for the average person to beat the inflationary spiral - now about ten per cent a month - is short-term investments, according to financial circles here. The main problem, however, is that one must have enough money to invest for a few weeks, since many persons are finding it hard enough to finish the month, especially those living tenuously off their salaries. The scheme is based on paying all bills and debts at the very last moment, and investing the money in "savings" (index-linked bonds) and/or in foreign currency. For example, suppose a person receives his salary (or other income) on the first of the month. He will probably spend it all during the month, but the pound he keeps in the bank until the last day of the month will have a purchasing power of only ninety agurot (approximately), and the pound he does not use for two weeks will be worth about 95 agurot. It costs about 0.7 per cent to buy "savings"; another 0.7 per cent to sell them. Thus, if a man buys "savings" at the beginning of the month and sells them the last day of the month, it will cost him slightly less than 1.5 per cent. The pound he invests on the first day of the month and sells on the last day of the month will be worth 95.5 agurot, not the 90 agurot if he leaves it untouched in the bank or in his pocket. Of course, these calculations are based on the supposition that the price of the "savings" increases in the exact proportion as the inflationary spiral, but there are always slight variations here, especially if a selling wave hits the public due to rumours that the authorities will declare a moratorium on "savings", or take steps to tax their inflationary gains. The same steps to preserve the value of the pound can be taken by buying foreign currencies, but here it often costs two per cent to buy and another two to sell. However, if one buys foreign currency when it is quite low and sells it when it is quite high, the high cost of buying and selling may be reduced considerably. On the other hand, one might buy high and be forced to sell low - and the entire manoeuvre will wind up as a loss, unless a person has enough financial resources to wait for a favourable time to sell his foreign currency. Suppose you get a foreign currency cheque from abroad? Under present circumstances, it is worthwhile holding it as long as possible before cashing it, since despite fluctuations in either direction, the overall trend in foreign currency is upwards - at least in the foreseeable future. Of course all these careful calculations are liable to be upset if in the process of making these transactions at the bank or the broker's office the customer spends, say, IL100 in expenses. Such expenses could easily be run up in driving downtown twice a month, or making several phone calls and missing an hour or two of working time. If the amount involved a month is no more than IL5,000, the saving, at 8 per cent, would be IL400. It does not take much to spend such a small amount in expenses. The real gain only comes in for large-scale and institutional investors, not for the small man.

Interest on diamond credit up 1.66%

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Interest rates for credit to the diamond industry have been raised by 1.66 per cent. The effective rate now charged for diamond financing is 9.6 per cent, compared with the earlier 7.94 per cent. The government-set rate has been hiked from 6.44 to 8.1 per cent. However, the banks which actually extend the credit, charge an additional 1.5 per cent to cover their risk and expenses. Israel's diamond industry has been hard pressed and November figures showed a real decline compared with the same period a year ago. December so far has been a disappointing month. However, sources within the industry have told The Jerusalem Post that shipments destined for the U.S. have been held back since the American import duty for goods bought from Israel will be lowered to one per cent as of January 1, 1980. In the recent past sales of meiseis, small diamonds which are a specialty of Israeli producers, have been hurt by Russian exports selling for 15 per cent below world market prices. The Russians have now begun to increase their prices, a favourable development for Israel's industry. Due to the current lull in business more than a few of the country's diamondsmen have taken vacations. The Ramat Gan Diamond Exchange, normally full of bustling activity, is one of the quieter spots around town now.

Tighter Swiss-Saudi economic ties

BERN (AP). - Saudi Arabia has invited Switzerland to increase trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, the Swiss Ministry of Economic said yesterday. Saudi firms in particular want Swiss firms to engage more in joint ventures and in assuming maintenance services in the industries of the Arab country. Saudi Arabia is Switzerland's major trading partner among oil-producing countries. Saudi imports of Swiss goods totalled about one billion francs (\$635m.) last year.

Big transformer damaged by lightning abroad for repairs

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - A big, 135-ton transformer from the Ashdod power station, which was hit by lightning and burned out during the recent storm, is being shipped to the Swiss manufacturer for repairs. Electric Corporation spokesman Josef Kidron told The Jerusalem Post that it was "very rare" for lightning to burn out a large transformer. After a check it was found to be cheaper to send the unit to the manufacturer for repairs rather than bringing in foreign experts to oversee repairs made here. However, the Elco company, which builds smaller transformers for the Electric Corporation, will now also start building the bigger ones. The company will thus acquire sufficient expertise to be able to make future repairs. Meanwhile the 350 shift workers in the corporation's power plants yesterday started actions to back their demands for higher pay. The sanctions were not approved by the corporation's national works committee. "The management refuses to negotiate with groups of workers acting on their own," Kidron said. The sanctions will not disrupt power supply.

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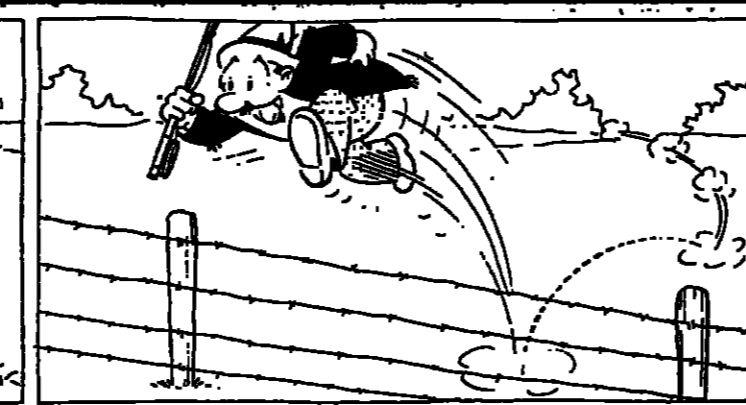
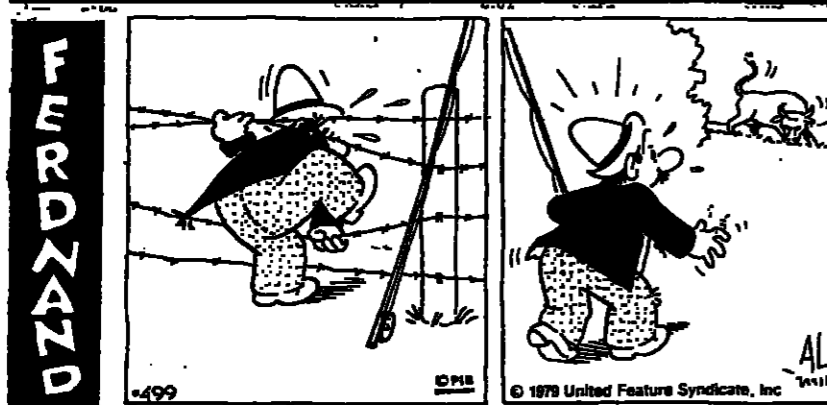
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Aeroflot office bombed

MUNICH (Reuter). - Fire ignited the Munich office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot yesterday and a Ukrainian exile group claimed responsibility, police said.

Correction

"Elah", 8/3 Rehov Berdichevsky, Tel Aviv. Tel. 63-234901, Sunday to Thursday, 09.00-13.00. If you are a professional SOCIAL WORKER, anywhere in the country, and speak Dutch and Hebrew fluently; if you are interested in treating psycho-social problems of Holocaust survivors and their offspring, we need you on a free-lance, part-time, basis. Please contact us.



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Nature Reserves Authority

announce that the EIN GEDI RESERVE will be closed to the public until further notice because of a rock-slide in the area.

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Sunset 16.40 Sunrise tomorrow 06.30

POLICE

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Netanya Local Planning Committee Easement of Regulations An application has been submitted to the Committee pertaining to parcel 22-22, block 2555, 13 Rehov Gad Machness Rishon LeZion, Netanya, requesting the following easement of the building regulations: building percentage 21%, front balconies protrude 1.20 m., 40 cm. from side building lines (west wing) 1.40-5.40 m. from building site lines - parking basement. The plan can be inspected at the offices of the Committee. Objections may be submitted within 2 weeks of the publication of this notice. R. Kligor Chairman, Local Planning Committee

Iriyat Tel Aviv Yafu Vacancy Tender 126/79/mh Head of the Beaches Department Grade: yod-het-yod-tet2 on the unified scale Further details have been posted on the notice boards of the Municipality's Personnel Department, City Hall, Kiryat Michael Vassal, and at municipal information bureaus. Applications, accompanied by curriculum vitae and certificates confirming candidate's qualifications, should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the tender number, on a Candidate for Vacancy questionnaire to the Personnel Department - apply in person or by post - and from information bureau. Applications not accompanied by the required certificates will not be considered. Last date for submitting applications: January 2, 1980. Pinhas Lahav - Director, Municipal Services

TOURISTS ARE INVITED to an EVENING OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS on all aspects of life in Israel. Thursday, December 20, at 9.00 p.m. at the Olive Room of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. Sponsored by Bank Leumi W.Z.O. Aliyah and Absorption Dept. 5 Ben Yehuda Street

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle. EASY PUZZLE ACROSS: 1 Young bird (5), 4 Come forth (5), 9 Complaint (7), 10 Noble (5), 11 German (5), 12 Foreign (5), 13 Incline (7), 15 Number (2), 17 Dumbly (4), 18 Enter as an enemy (6), 19 Part of harness (5), 20 Male goat (5), 21 Ring up (4), 22 Bird-to-be (3), 23 Incline (7), 24 Diverse (5), 27 Evil spirit (3), 28 One on horseback (5), 29 Guided (7), 30 Prepare for publication (5), 31 Dumble (5). DOWN: 2 Very unpleasant (5), 3 Overhead covering (4), 4 Young goat (3), 5 W or E, a letterway way (6), 6 K or P, a middle letter (3), 7 Knock out (4), 8 Joined together loosely (6), 12 Foreign music (5), 14 Bargon (5), 15 Stripes (5), 16 Approaches (5), 17 Incline (7), 19 Becomes less severe (7), 20 One on horseback (5), 22 Dwell (5), 23 Bear witness (6), 24 Diverse (5), 25 Muckraker (6), 26 Colour (3). CRYPTIC PUZZLE ACROSS: 1. Unpleasant (5), 2. Unpleasant (5), 3. Unpleasant (5), 4. Unpleasant (5), 5. Unpleasant (5), 6. Unpleasant (5), 7. Unpleasant (5), 8. Unpleasant (5), 9. Unpleasant (5), 10. Unpleasant (5), 11. Unpleasant (5), 12. Unpleasant (5), 13. Unpleasant (5), 14. Unpleasant (5), 15. Unpleasant (5), 16. Unpleasant (5), 17. Unpleasant (5), 18. Unpleasant (5), 19. Unpleasant (5), 20. Unpleasant (5), 21. Unpleasant (5), 22. Unpleasant (5), 23. Unpleasant (5), 24. Unpleasant (5), 25. Unpleasant (5), 26. Unpleasant (5), 27. Unpleasant (5), 28. Unpleasant (5), 29. Unpleasant (5), 30. Unpleasant (5), 31. Unpleasant (5). DOWN: 1. Unpleasant (5), 2. Unpleasant (5), 3. Unpleasant (5), 4. Unpleasant (5), 5. Unpleasant (5), 6. Unpleasant (5), 7. Unpleasant (5), 8. Unpleasant (5), 9. Unpleasant (5), 10. Unpleasant (5), 11. Unpleasant (5), 12. Unpleasant (5), 13. Unpleasant (5), 14. Unpleasant (5), 15. Unpleasant (5), 16. Unpleasant (5), 17. Unpleasant (5), 18. Unpleasant (5), 19. Unpleasant (5), 20. Unpleasant (5), 21. Unpleasant (5), 22. Unpleasant (5), 23. Unpleasant (5), 24. Unpleasant (5), 25. Unpleasant (5), 26. Unpleasant (5), 27. Unpleasant (5), 28. Unpleasant (5), 29. Unpleasant (5), 30. Unpleasant (5), 31. Unpleasant (5).

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Syndrome of hatred

MIKHAIL AGURSKY explains the link between the anti-Solzhenitsyn attitudes of some Soviet drop-outs and their decision not to settle in Israel.

THE ACCOMPANYING article by Alexander Solzhenitsyn is being published here at the express request of the great Russian writer in a personal letter to me. It is a short response to his critics among the so-called "third emigration" from the USSR...

any support. It seems that this campaign was initiated in 1974 by Dmitry Simes, who in the U.S. advocated that Solzhenitsyn not be given honorary American citizenship.

because he is a Jew. He demands an equality of relationship. He calls it self-limitation and repentance. All national relations, according to Solzhenitsyn, must be mutual.

Swindle at the pump

A CAR DRIVES UP to a gas station to fill the tank. An attendant, pump in hand, turns the meter back to zero — or does he? He certainly does everything possible to make it seem as though he does.

In fact he starts the count of the running gas from a more convenient figure — say, IL200. When he is through, he may get paid (in old prices) IL400 for IL400 worth of gas.

It takes an enterprising television team to prove the suspicion right by positioning a hidden camera near the gas station to take it down on film.

Within the space of less than four hours, they recorded some ten clearly visible acts of cheating by the meter. These were shown to a nation-wide audience Tuesday night.

The police have now been alerted, and action is being promised. Presumably the police will also take suitable action to uncover and punish those who tried to intimidate the producers by phone threats after the show.

Mr. Pe'er was careful to point out that his team's investigation was confined to a single gas station. Yet there must have been countless viewers Tuesday night who recalled what struck them as strangely similar experiences in gas stations all over the country, and not in gas stations alone.

They must have wondered, too, whether Israel's law enforcement agencies are ready and equipped to deal with the larcenous impulse behind such multiple conspiracies to defraud. For it is, in the deepest sense, a national problem.

Military law needs reform

A PRIVATE member's bill giving legal force to the recommendations of the Shamgar committee on the reform of military law has been tabled by MK Moshe Shalal, the Labour whip.

He has fastened onto three matters in particular: limiting the chief-of-staff's power to diminish sentences imposed on soldiers by court-martial; instituting an appeals procedure for the military courts (to a civilian court); and ordaining that the appointment of a military court judge be as for a civilian court judge.

The Shamgar committee's recommendations are currently under discussion by the Military Legislation Sub-Committee (under Dr. Zerah Warhaftig) of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Yet they were submitted a long time ago; just how long cannot be determined, because the text of the report is — as usual in documents affecting the military — denied to the public.

Yet the Shamgar committee was nominated by the previous government 2 1/2 years ago. Its report, when it came, was pigeon-holed by the defence establishment, despite the fact that its conclusions were supported by the Ministry's own legal department.

Mr. Shalal's motion is designed to prise this topic — which concerns the right of fair trial and the independence of the judiciary — away from the hands of the military, and make it the subject of public debate.

It is understandably convenient for the executive branch to leave the status quo unchanged. Military court judges are appointed by the military and can be dismissed by the military. Only one member in a bench of three has to be trained in the law.

This immediately begs the question — might such officials not be inclined to abide by the will of the military command? The army claims that they are not, and experience bears that out. The jurists in the military courts are mostly reservists with a civilian career in the law.

Very well, if these men are supposed to act independently, why not give them the independent status enjoyed by civilian court judges? Once they are duly chosen by the Judicial Appointments Committee and granted tenure for life, the public will not need to be persuaded of their objectivity. It will know that, to the best of human ability, justice is being done.

The same argument applies to the powers of clemency vested in the chief-of-staff. From the judicial point of view he is a potentially interested party. Should a soldier be punished in court-martial for insufficient zeal on the battlefield (e.g., for cowardice under fire), it is a good thing that the supreme commander is empowered to exercise the prerogative of mercy; and that may have been the intention of the law.

But suppose the soldier has been excessively zealous; suppose he exercised gratuitous brutality; suppose he killed when killing was no longer necessary? And, as we know, there have been cases of that. It may be that a field commander — any field commander — keen to foster a bellicose spirit among his men, may be disinclined to see one of his most aggressive fighters penalized for being trigger-happy. Only a judge can deliver the right verdict — a judge who is qualified in the law and subject only to the law.

Mr. Shalal calls also for the right of appeal — but to another judge. The prerogative of mercy, if needed, should exist only in one place, the office of the President.

The reform that Mr. Shalal proposes is overdue, and should not be held up by the protracted deliberations of the Warhaftig sub-committee.

IN ISRAEL this group found less support. However a Russian-language Israeli periodical "Vremya i My" ("Time and We") turned out to be a tribune for this group, creating the false impression that this criticism is directed from Israel. This periodical, which was helped along by the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption, recently cut its Zionist ties and attacked Zionism as a harmful ideology imposed on the Israeli people by the Israeli establishment.

Nearly every issue has had at least one anti-Zionist article and one against Solzhenitsyn, thus showing a syndrome of dual hatred against Zionism and Solzhenitsyn. This is no mere coincidence. Zionism is a strong nationalist idea, and it and the religious-nationalist ideology of Solzhenitsyn challenge those who try to get rid of any national identity.

Zionism and Solzhenitsyn are the Scylla and Charybdis of drop-outs running from national identity. This syndrome is aggravated by the fact that Solzhenitsyn has attacked the phenomenon of dropping out and expressed his sympathy for Zionism and Israel.

In the accompanying article, for example, Solzhenitsyn mentions Israel as an example of the country where religion has a central role, not only being honoured by the state, but also having a formative state function.

Solzhenitsyn is, first of all, a Christian fundamentalist and Israel occupies a central place in his thinking, besides being an attractive example of a state that has found its roots after much secularization and even denationalization. If it is possible in Israel, it is also feasible in Russia.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am writing to express my dismay at Shmuel Katz's report on the activities of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), in his column of December 7. His attack upon the charitable projects and community organizing that AFSC has engaged in — in Israel and the West Bank — must be labelled for what it was: a brutal hatchet job.

I must content myself in this limited space with responding to only three of the many issues on which Mr. Katz vented his considerable spleen. First, I heard Jim Fine, the present AFSC director in Jerusalem, give a balanced, reasonable report on the Middle East at the University Methodist Church in Los Angeles during this past summer. If Mr. Fine is not a Quaker, as Katz states, it was nevertheless clear to me that the man's views on the Middle East stem from sincere religious convictions about the necessity for peace and justice for both Arabs and Israelis. The AFSC director is not a PLO supporter as your columnist

claims. On the contrary, Fine expressed a balanced view of the Middle East and deep concern for the security of the State of Israel. The AFSC helped arrange legal counsel for the Arab inhabitants of Rafiah, whose land was expropriated for the Eilon Moreh settlement. If such aid is to be labelled as conducive to "the destruction of Israel," then I am afraid that the thousands of Israelis and Jews outside Israel who welcomed the High Court decision to dismantle the settlement must also be labelled as "traitors."

For much of his evidence in his indictment of the AFSC — has accused some American Jewish groups of betraying Israel's interests in various articles in "The Jerusalem Post" and "Commentary" during the past several years. His definition of Israel's interests is remarkably similar to that of the Guah Edmunds spokesman for the Eilon Moreh settlers, whom we hear so often on the evening news. It is no wonder that Isaac and Katz are so disturbed with the AFSC, whose initial aid eventually dealt a critical blow to Eilon Moreh.

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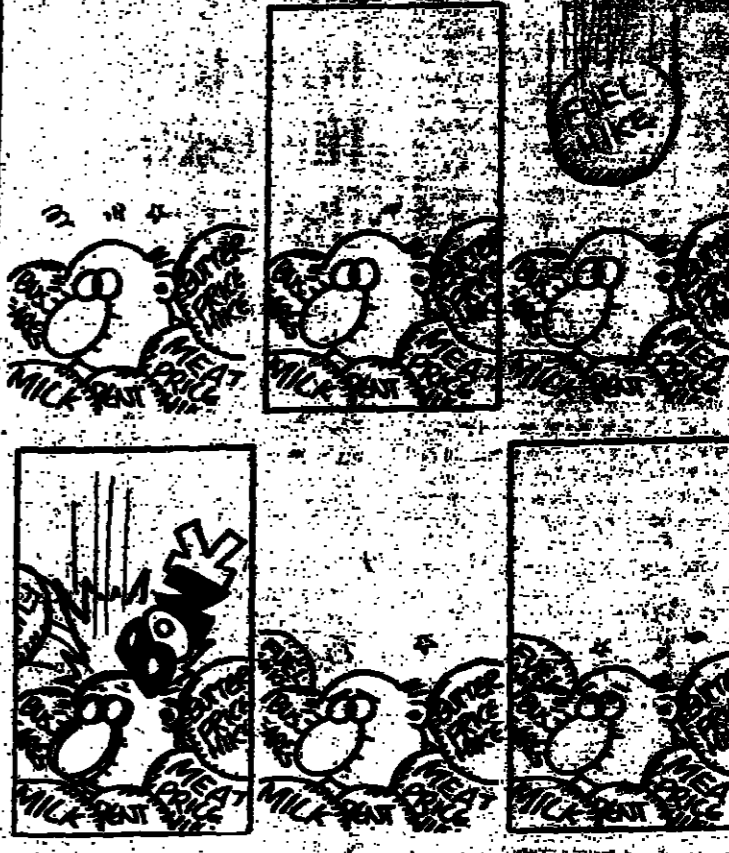
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FAREWELL TO SEA TRAVEL?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Since Israeli ships stopped their passenger service, those who like to travel by sea had one last recourse: the "Espresso-Livorno" of Italy's Adriatica Navigation Company. All those who preferred to travel by sea, either because they wanted a rest, or wished to take their car along or for some other reason, knew they could rely on the weekly service of the "Espresso-Livorno" which connected Israel with the rest of the world throughout the year.

And now, following the appearance of Israeli, French, Turkish and other ships, the "Espresso-Livorno" is threatened. The Adriatica is threatening to prevent this and have laid out a ship in protest. The passengers, including those who may be impossible in the future to breathe the clean sea air and enjoy the nerves on board ship, fear this marks the end of a period and that they will no longer be able to experience the joy of a trip to Tel Aviv.

Dry Bones



rooted assimilated Jews who arrogantly intervene in the affairs of other people and don't care about their own national identity. He says: "No if it is hard at home, if there is a film, solzhenitsyn, one doesn't leave his home. It is possible to leave home when everything is good."

Taus Solzhenitsyn catches the essence of the dropouts. Earlier this year he attacked them, saying "I doubt that there is such thing as a historical task for the third emigration: the third emigration is only a small tail on the Israeli emigration."

Moreover, Solzhenitsyn speaks sharply of Yanov and Klepikova, who seem to make a living in the U.S. by attacking Solzhenitsyn.

It would be a considerable mistake for world Jewry or for Israelis to side with a group of uprooted dropouts who defeat Israel and try to rid themselves of their Jewish identity in every possible way. Such support would legitimize dropping out as an alternative to life. It would also spoil relations with a very strong trend in Russian political life that will sooner rather than later take power in the USSR.

Even now Solzhenitsyn doesn't need to call that he has support among the Soviet leadership. Here is a test of the political wisdom of world Jewry.

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Aleksander Solzhenitsyn answers his critics

THE PERSIAN RUSE

burden of Communism), these authors, from the safety of their refuge, hasten to disparage our renaissance in the minds of Western readers. These individuals and their quills shamelessly link orthodoxy with anti-Semitism, even going so far as to identify one with the other.

Moreover, recently they have been resorting to a base political device that I call a "Persian ruse": the atrocities of Islamic fanaticism in Iran are affixed like a stigma to the brow of re-emerging orthodoxy in Russia and are flung like Persian sand into the eyes of those who lift their foreheads from the ground and arise to their knees.

Politically this is an effective, devastating trick used by those with scant concern for the depth, fruitfulness and fundamental importance of future mutual understanding between a liberated Russia and Europe. But it is precisely we, the victims of Communist fanaticism, whom no fanaticism can ever attract.

You will not find in any of the actions or utterances of Russian religious and cultural leaders of today a single nuance similar in structure to the religious thought and authority presently in power in Iran. (The author of the Archipelago, in particular, is honoured with amicable accusations of wanting new archipelagos and ayatollahs —

something that not even Soviet propaganda has concocted.) Perhaps the most intolerant, rash and hysterical who have been occasioned in the French and German press is the Faridan Pifanor (Yefim) Etkind. There are people who, while intellectually very advanced and politically very keen, are entirely lacking in spiritual development, particularly in their perception of religion. They have, as it were, an inadequate perception mechanism. This, alas, is the kind of stunted development Etkind displays when he likens orthodoxy to Leninist ideology.

In all other respects he functions within the channels of the "Persian Ruse."

campaigns. Striving to statements which are in no sense, were never made by me and have not been published anywhere. I am not a member of the newspaper "Die Zeit" (September 25, 1979).

This campaign against a Russian religious renaissance can poison the consciousness of the Western reader since it prompts him to hear and abhor precisely those forces in our country which alone represent an insoluble problem for the Soviet government and which alone are capable of establishing durable peaceful neighbourly ties with an unoppressed Europe. The reversion side of this campaign — reversion ties with ruling Communism as the "lesser evil" — is indeed a tenuous exploitation when Communism parts its jaws and prepares to swallow.

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